

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 59, 61-66, 68-73, and 75-79, and 81-83 are pending in the application, with claims 59, 66, 73, 81, and 83 being the independent claims. Claims 59, 66, 73, 81, and 83 are sought to be amended. Claim 80 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objection to the Claims

The Examiner has objected to claim 80 as allegedly lacking antecedent basis. Applicants seek to cancel claim 80 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection is addressed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 59, 62-64, 66, 69-71, 73, 76-78, 81, and 83

The Examiner has rejected claims 59, 62-64, 66, 69-71, 73, 76-78, 81, and 83 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,752,232 to Basore et al. ("Basore") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,363,348 to Besling et al. ("Besling"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 59 as amended recites, *inter alia*, a processing module configured to "**update or modify the keyword detection based on words within the additional input**," and update the previously stored acoustic model based on the additional input." Support for this amendment is found, *inter alia*, at paragraph [0072] of the Published Specification.

Basore clearly nowhere teaches or suggests "updat[ing] or modify[ing] keyword detection based on words within the additional input," as Basore is not concerned with the use of keywords at all.

Instead, the Examiner relies on Besling as allegedly teaching or suggesting the ability "to train and store acoustic models for any new users." (Office Action, p. 5). Although Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's interpretation of Besling with regard to the "acoustic model" of the claims, Besling clearly does not supply the missing teaching or suggestion for "updat[ing] or modify[ing] keyword detection based on words within the additional input," as recited in claim 59.

Besling describes the ability to prepare a system to recognize certain keywords. As an example, Besling describes training a system around a context identifier, which "preferably indicates an area of interest of the user." (Besling, 9:5-6). Besling then describes that particular language models specially created for a context can be selected, such as through the use of a keyword. (Besling, 9:13-17). Besling extracts these keywords from documents, such as from a document database. (Besling, 9:17-34).

Despite this, Besling does not describe the ability to "**update or modify the keyword detection based on words within the additional input**," as recited in claim 59. Instead, Besling is concerned with determining keywords that will be used to trigger the

selection of a language model, rather than "based on words *within the additional input*," the additional input having been received from the device.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claim 59 is not rendered obvious by the combination of Basore and Besling. Independent claims 66, 73, 81, and 83 recite analogous features to claim 59, using respective language, and are also not rendered obvious by the combination of Basore and Besling for at least the same reasons as claim 59. Claims 62-64, 69-71, and 76-78 are also not rendered obvious by the combination of Basore and Besling for at least the same reasons as claims 59, 66, and 73, from which they depend, and further in view of their own respective features.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 59, 62-64, 66, 69-71, 73, 76-78, 81, and 83 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 61, 65, 68, 72, 75, 79, and 80

The Examiner has rejected claims 61, 65, 68, 72, 75, 79, and 80 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Basore and Besling in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,774,859 to Houser et al. ("Houser"). Applicants note that claim 80 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein, thereby rendering the rejection moot as to claim 80. Applicants respectfully traverse as to the remaining claims.

As noted above, Basore and Besling do not teach or suggest each and every feature of claims 59, 66, and 73, and therefore do not render these claims obvious. Houser does not supply the missing teachings or suggestions, and therefore claims 59, 66, and 73 are not rendered obvious by the combination of Basore, Besling, and Houser.

Claims 61, 65, 68, 72, 75, and 79 depend from claims 59, 66, and 73, and are therefore not rendered obvious by the combination of Basore, Besling, and Houser for at least the same reasons as claims 59, 66, and 73, and further in view of their own respective features.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 61, 65, 68, 72, 75, 79 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

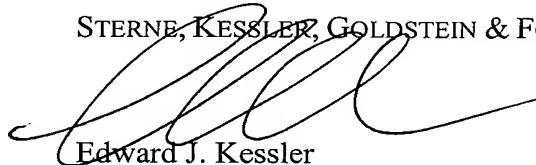
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

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